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SUBJECT: Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS)
Class 2M Program – Acquisition Decision Memorandum (ADM)

The Army's LINK-16 terminal requirements have been revised to a minimum quantity of 168. Based on urgent operational need and platform integration schedules, the previously approved LRIP award of 35 JTIDS Class 2M terminals can proceed. Although this LRIP quantity exceeds the legislative restriction of 10%, my determination is that this quantity is necessary. The revised minimum quantity also supports the continued development of the MIDS-LVT and transition plans should proceed. The Army will formalize the adjusted LINK-16 requirements and obtain JROC validation of these requirement changes. The Army and BMDO will adjust funding during the upcoming POM to support the revised procurement schedule and terminal integration costs.

The results of the THAAD internal communications analyses will be provided to DASD (C3I Acquisition) prior to any acquisition activities on the recommended solution. The analyses, both short and long term, should consider life cycle costs, support to joint/coalition concepts of operations, and interoperability as well as technical performance.

The Working-level IPT will proceed working toward a Milestone III full rate production (FRP) decision with strong user involvement. Previously approved test and evaluation planning will continue for Class 2M terminals.

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